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MONTEREY NEWS

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OUR TOWN

Regional Planning Commission

Paul Thorn, Chairman of the Monterey Planning Board, is the regular Delegate to this commission and Mrs. Ann Van Horn has been appointed Alternate Delegate.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Citizens' Committee

The Selectmen have appointed Peter Brown, Douglas Lyman, Mrs. Henry Makuc, Mrs. Beatrice Phillips and John Pizzichemi to this committee to study the future building needs of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Mrs. William Mielke is the new chairman, Mrs. Henry Makuc is secretary and Mrs. Leonard Weber, clerk. Meetings are open to anyone in the town interested in attending.

125th Anniversary Celebration

The committee has been very active working out plans for the 125th Anniversary celebration June 23, 24 and 25. Enthusiasm and imagination are rife and present plans are as follows: a golf tournament and softball tournament leading up to the weekend, with trophies to be presented to the winners; a historical plaque to be erected on the newly restored Parade Grounds on Beartown Mountain Road; updated maps, one of the town and one of the lake area, to be on sale in town beforehand, as well as ceramic items bearing the new town seal.

The theme of the weekend is to be "The Konkapotters", an old nickname for residents of the area. The first event of the three-day celebration is to be a dance for the youth of Monterey on Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Greene Park (admission, $1.00) A king and queen of the anniversary festivities are to be named on this occasion.

Saturday's events are planned to co-ordinate with the annual Park Commission Fair. There will be a parade in the morning and an Amateur Art and Hobby Show at the Grange during the day. Dinner at the Grange (adults: $2.25, children under 10: $1.00) at 7 p.m. will be follwed by square and round dancing for all ages from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday morning there will be an Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. followed by a pancake breakfast (99¢) served by the Girl Scouts. From 10 a.m. to noon there will be regatta on Lake Garfield, then a picnic at Greene Park. The 4-H group will put on a horse show at the Park from 2:00 to 3:00 Sunday afternoon and in the evening at 7:30 there will be a brief concert by the "Sweet Adeline" group, followed by a general community Songfest to wind up the gala weekend festivities.

Monterey Fair Day

This year, as noted above, the Park Commission is planning its activities in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary celebration. Many of the traditional events will be taking place on Saturday, June 24--the parade in the morning, mini-bike, motorcycle and relay races, the policemen's target shoot, the Catholic ladies' penny pitching, etc.

The Library Committee will hold its book sale on the lawn, as usual, unless rain drives everyone indoors to the basement. The Historical Society will have an exhibit in the Library. In some of the booths at the Fair will be found Brownies selling brownies, the Extension Group selling their own arts and crafts, 4-H members selling bonnets and Girl Scouts selling chokers on which they have been working, other children selling soda and ice cream and members of the Fire Dept. selling beer The Cub Scouts expect to operate a popcorn, peanut and crackerjack wagon and the Boy Scouts, with their leader, Doug Lyman, as auctioneer, will organize an auction under the tent--always a popular attraction in past years.

Other highlights of the day will be announced in the next issue of the NEWS.

HERE AND THERE AROUND TOWN

The Gulf Service Station at the corner of New Marlboro Road and Route 23, formerly operated by George Kisselbrock, is now under the management of Brooke Walsh and Charles Phykitt. These two young men are offering lubrication and mechanical repair service, in addition to the regular operation of the gas station, which is now open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Mr. Kisselbrock has gone to live in the Hebert's Beach area.

Attention Veterans! If you are a Veteran of the Korean or Vietnam War residing in Monterey, or if you know of one, please inform the Selectmen, who wish to have the war monuments brought up to date by the addition of these names before the 125th Anniversary weekend.

The Monterey Branch of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Safely) is meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Library basement. There are 15 members at present who are quite faithful in their attendance. Mrs. Carl Jespersen is Chairman of the group. Interested visitors or new members are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

The Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River holds two Masses every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

C.C.D. classes are held Monday afternoons after school for Grades 2 to 8.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church, will be celebrated on May 21. . . .In memoriam: Frances Bruckbauer. . . .The organ is back in use. Funds are still being received toward the cost of repair. . . .The Spring Clothing Drive was successfully completed and packages were shipped on the Church World Service truck at the end of April. . . .Our thanks to Thomas Bigham and Edward Chipman for serving as guest ministers during Dr. Brallier's vacation.

Prayer Group Since early April a prayer group has been meeting every week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Simons. The persons who participate in these meetings are seeing themselves as a part of a "support" and "concern" group for the church and people of the community. It is open to all who would like to share in this form of service. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings at 7:

Massachusetts United Church of Christ Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ was held in Pittsfield on May 5 and 6. Besides electing officers and doing other business necessary to its internal operation, its chief thrust seemed to be aimed at consciousness-raising. Issues having to do with the way investments in the corporations of our country may promote war on one hand and tighten the control of colonial powers in such nations as South Africa on the other were discussed. These issues were debated and votes were taken on appropriate postures for the church to assume. The principal focus of all this seemed aimed at helping to increase our awareness of the unconscious effect that our money and our actions have in the real world of men.

THE PHILERGIANS

The Philergians met at the Egremont Inn on Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m. A short business meeting was held, at which Edith Wilson and Marjorie McLaughlin were elected to the Nominating Committee. The June meeting will be the long-postponed "show and tell" session at the home of Marie Brallier, but no date was set. To most of those present it seemed that a Monday evening would be least likely to present a conflict with the activities of other groups in town.

The meeting was followed by the reading of selections from the poetry of Elinor Wylie by Mrs. Bradford Durfee and others. Mrs. Durfee gave a brief biographical sketch and made some perceptive comments on the form and quality of the poems which enhanced their enjoyment for the listeners.

Margery Janes

LEARNING WHOM TO TRUST AND WHOM TO FEAR

It may make me seem hopelessly outdated to find myself still reflecting on President Nixon's trip to China. Yet there seems something so very important to learn from it. I hope I shall not soon or easily forget the feelings that came to me at that time. The words of Arthur Hoppe hit me with powerful force: "Six months ago I had eight hundred million enemies where now I have eight hundred million friends. And I am angry." His anger was not at having enemies turned into friends, but rather at "how easy it all was".

I am grateful for the incentive of Mr. Nixon in initiating actions that have turned the Chinese into our friends rather than our enemies. It was a long overdue action, which contains the seeds for making this a safer and a better world. But what has changed in the world scene to account for the sudden transformation of the Chinese people into our friends? Really very little, except our own change of policy, and thus our change of attitude.

This is what troubles me. A short while ago I would have been accused of being a traitor if I had wanted to be friendly toward the Chinese. Now it is all O.K. I feel like a pawn. I am made to believe that my own feelings have no integrity. I am supposed to hate or love according to official policy and not basic human impulse.

How easily we are manipulated into hating and fearing when it is supposed to "serve our national interest". We are also maneuvered into liking and admiring others for the same reasons. But what am I, a man or a machine? What happens to my basic human feelings? Are they to be subject to push-button changes to fit the political climate?

One thing becomes clear to me: this is what is means to be de-humanized. Deep down inside me I find a growing revulsion at having my integrity tampered with in this way. For I know that if I permit such manipulations to continue, my integrity soon will not be worth a hill of beans. May God give me the courage to trust the gift of my own humanity, rather than letting myself become a weathervane for the ever-changing geo-political climate of our world.

Knowing how volatile this political climate is, I am expecting word any day now, even as I write this article, that some nation is entitled to more fear and hate than we have been delivering to it. When the word comes, what am I to do? Am I going to be an obedient sheep and allow my emotions to march away toward a new slaughter of all the values on which the existence of a decent human society depends?

Perhaps this is a time to take fresh stock of the deepest religious feelings of the race. Within my own Christian tradition there is a solid witness for uniting rather than dividing the peoples of the world. I am convinced that this is the most dependable guide for the realization of my own full humanity. Other religious traditions also bear their own distinctive witness for uniting rather than separating peoples. When will we all begin to trust this, which is much more fundamental to the nature of man than the ever-changing political whims of our leaders?

There is a movement that is ripening in the world. It is cutting across the lines of nation and continent. It is teaching a kind of radical trust in one's own individual integrity. This integrity must learn to stand against the de-humanizing elements of our society. It is still a tender and fragile movement, yet it has at the same time a basic toughness that makes me believe it will not wither on the vine and die.

So I find myself developing an ever-deepening trust. My trust in my own God-given humanity is confirmed. I am trusting more in the fundamental religious "urgings" found within the race. I am trusting the radical call for individual integrity that is slowly permeating human consciousness. And finally, I am beginning to trust that our political and social systems will eventually take account of this deeply humanizing thrust that is occurring throughout the world. Our leaders must begin to sense the revulsion they have aroused against push-button commands to hate or to love.

Though there are plenty of things in this world to scare the wits out of me, there are also plenty to make me glad to be alive in this age and to take whatever part I may in pushing toward sanity in human affairs.

Virgil V. Brallier
Monterey United Church of Christ

NEW BOOKS AT MONTEREY LIBRARY

Christie, Agatha	--	Nemesis
Forsyth, Frederick	--	The Day of the Jackal
Gerson, Noel	--	Island in the Wind
de Hartog, Jan	--	The Peaceable Kingdom
Kemelman, Harry	--	Monday the Rabbi Took Off
Lash, Joseph	--	Eleanor and Franklin
Lofts, Norah	--	A Rose for Virtue
Remarque, Erich	--	Shadows in Paradise
Stevenson, D. E.	--	Music in the Hills
Whitney, Phyllis	--	Listen for the Whisperer
Wouk, Herman	--	The Winds of War

NEW MARLBORO-MONTEREY PTA

An interesting note at the April meeting of the New Marlboro-Monterey PTA came from our student panelist when she commented that some of the apathy of the students resulted from apathy in the homes. In order to have an effective Parent-Teacher Association we must have interest from the parents. Many people work hard at fund raising for scholarships but the problem now is: if we don't support our schools and show interest in our children in the formative years, there seems little point in worrying about the college years.

Our final meeting of the year was held on May 16 at the New Marlboro Central School at 8 p.m. Mr. Thomas Consolati, Pupil Personnel Director, spoke on the many services offered by the school. This program was enlightening for many parents and especially valuable to those who have children entering kindergarten in the fall. An election of officers for the coming year took place at this meeting but, as the MONTEREY NEWS goes to press, we do not have the results of this election. The new slate of officers will be announced in our June issue.

Mildred Fennell

Enough snow was found in remote woodland spots to supply the basis for the annual "sugaring off" party, held this year on April 21. As usual, it was managed by Steve and Joyce Morse. Everyone had a good time, including ten campers and their counselors from the Arlington United Church of Christ and the Park Avenue Congregational Church of Christ, also in Arlington, Massachusetts. The Reverend and Mrs. Harold Criswell and their son, David, came to spend two nights of the week's conference here. It was their first visit since they left the Farm in February, and all their friends were very pleased to see them.

The young campers put in many hours of good work, clearing areas of brush left in the wood-lot by the loggers. They also scraped and painted the porch of the Newey cottage and helped with kitchen and dining-room chores.

On Saturday, April 29, Mrs. Miriam Siegler, of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, came to talk to guests and staff on "Self-Help for Schizophrenics". The Schizophrenia Association in Massachusetts has been in existence for five years and is very active. It is founded on a basis similar to Alcoholics Anonymous, Mrs. Siegler explained. Three young men, members of the group, who accompanied Mrs. Siegler, told how each of them had been helped toward recovery. A number of doctors now believe that this illness, generally thought of as mental, is actually biochemical in origin and can be cured by medication. The talk was warmly received by a large number of listeners.

Rose McKee

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 39, with Wade Merritt and Scott Jervas serving as co-chairmen, was in charge of Monterey Clean-up Day on April 22. The Monterey Roadrunners, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies all pitched in to help too, and a total of almost 70 young people showed up at the Grange that Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Trucks donated by Tom Bradley, Sheldon Fenn, Kenneth Heath, Robert Hebert, Raymond Tryon, Richard Tryon, Allen Varney, the Department of Natural Resources and Gould Farm were on hand to take the young volunteers off in various directions for the clean-up activities. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served at the Grange at noon by Mrs. Thomas Andrus and Mrs. John Ryder. It was the best turnout ever and gave a great feeling of accomplishment to all those involved. A letter from the Selectmen was received, commending the group on its accomplishments.

Douglas Lyman

GIRL SCOUTS

Troop 277 is going to put on a play for the Nursing Home. The play is about how the Girl Scout organization was founded.

Anna Thorn

Troop 498 is getting ready for the Court of Awards to be held on May 25 at the Searles Middle School in Great Barrington. Everyone is finishing up their badges.

The Girl Scout troop from East Northport, Long Island, is currently corresponding with our troop, so all girls will earn their "Pen Pal" badges.

Elisabeth Pizzichemi

CUB SCOUTS

At the beginning of this month Cub Scout Troop 51 had a pack meeting at the New Marlboro Central School. The Monterey, New Marlboro and Sandisfield packs put on a circus, with fat lady, clowns, spacemen, etc. The Webelos had boxing bouts.

The following boys from Monterey got awards and honors:

Cubs

Stephen Brown -- One-year Pin, Wolf, Gold and Silver Arrow
Jeffrey Bynack -- Wolf, Gold and Silver Arrow
John Makuc -- Wolf, Gold Arrow

Webelos

Daniel Andrus -- Sportsman, Athlete
Darrell Lemmerman -- Athlete
Mark Makuc -- Athlete
Remo Pizzichemi -- Sportsman, Athlete
Warren Thomson -- Athlete

In June there will be a family picnic at Benedict Pond -- the last pack meeting of the season

Chucky Wyman

BROWNIES

In the past weeks the Monterey Brownies have participated in the town clean-up and have attended a delightful puppet show sponsored by the Sheffield Center PTO. The older girls are looking forward to the Court of Awards in Great Barrington on May 25. At this ceremony Mary Ann Rhoades, Lynn Duggan and Joann Lemmerman will receive their Brownie Wings and become Junior Girl Scouts.

4-H GROUPS

The Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Group

On May 14 this group attended the Melhi Shriners' Circus in Springfield. Harold Greene donated some tickets and the members decided to take the money out of their fund to buy tickets so the entire group could go. Thank you, Mr. Greene!

On May 29 there will be a horse show at Gould Farm for residents of Monterey only. The show is sponsored by all the businesses in Monterey and is under the direction of Kenneth Heath, Sr.

Gail Heath

4-H GROUPS (continued)

The Supersonic Stitchers

The Berkshire County 4-H Day was held on April 29 at the Taconic High School in Pittsfield. The Monterey Supersonic Stitchers took part in this very important event. The girls modeled outfits they had made during the year and received ribbons for their projects. These are the results:

Susan Andrus	--	Very Good
Kristine Heath	--	Excellent
Susan Heath	--	Excellent
Cynthia Hebert	--	Good
Mary Ann O'Connell	--	Excellent
Ellen Pedersen	--	Very Good
Andrea Pizzichemi	--	Very Good

Presently we are working on old-fashioned bonnets for Monterey Fair Day, Saturday, June 24, the weekend of the 125th Anniversary celebration.

THE MONTEREY GRANGE

At our May 3rd meeting Deputy Maurice Brazie inspected the Grange. We had as our guest speaker Robert Winkler, of Stockbridge, who explained "no-fault Insurance", followed by a question-and-answer period.

On May 17, as the MONTEREY NEWS goes to press, we are planning a musical program called "Hot Time in the Old Town". We are all busy preparing for a dinner to be held in conjunction with the Monterey Fair Day and 125th Anniversary celebration.

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